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## Winter Blitz Brings Fun, Fellowship and Music to Kentucky Exposition Center

**LOUISVILLE, KY (January 17, 2013)** – Winter Blitz, the annual youth conference of the United Methodist Church of Kentucky, will bring 3,000 youth to Louisville for a weekend of music, fellowship, fun and worship. Winter Blitz will be held January 25-27 in Broadbent Arena. The conference started 20 years ago with 150 attendees in Owensboro, KY and had outgrown several venues before arriving at the Kentucky Exposition Center.

Cincinnati-based band Mosteller will lead in worship with The Bucket Boys, a comedic drumming duo, performing during each session and Reggie Dabbs as the keynote speaker. Dabbs speaks at schools and stadiums across the country talking to students about family, faith and changing their futures.

Christian pop-punk sensation Hawk Nelson will perform on Saturday. In 2006, the Ontario-based band won Christian Contemporary Music Magazine's Favorite New Artist and GMA Canada's Covenant Award for Modern Rock/Alternative Album of the year. Hawk Nelson songs have been featured in TV shows, movies and commercials.

There will be inflatables, a game room and karaoke set up for visiting youth groups as well as free time for sightseeing. While many of the attendees explore Louisville, several groups are volunteering at local mission organizations.

Tickets for Winter Blitz will be available at the door for \$55. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more information about Winter Blitz, visit http://www.winterblitz.org.

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One of the top 10 largest public facilities of its kind in the United States, the Kentucky Exposition Center features 1.2 million square feet of indoor space including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena which seats over 19,000 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 425,700 square feet and accommodates an amazing spectrum of events year round. The expo center is the permanent home for the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show, and the North American International Livestock Exposition. Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. For more information, go online to www.kyexpo.org.